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MERCHANT SHIPS TRAVELING IN WATERS ADJACENT TO KOREA OR INDOCHINA MUST MAKE REPORTS TO CHINESE AUTHORITIES

Canton 9 September (by telephone) -- The Canton Maritime Customs Administration has just announced the following provisions of the joint directive of the Ministry of Communications, Ministry of Public Security, and the Maritime Customs Administration dated 19 August 1952, with regard to the method of control to be exercised over Chinese merchant ships going to and from areas adjacent to Korea and Indochina. This directive is to be observed by all navigation and public security offices. It also applies to the Canton Maritime Customs. The control system is as follows:

1. The basic system defined in Article 58 of the Maritime Customs Law of the People's Republic of China is to be observed.
2. With reference to "going to or from areas adjacent to Korea or Indochina," the directive specifically defines the areas as the coast from An-tung (1) Numbers in parentheses refer to appended characters. / to Chuang-ho (2) in Liaotung Province, and the coast from Tung-hsing (3) to Ch'i-ho (4) in Kwangsi Province.
3. On leaving or entering ports in the above areas, merchant ships are to report to the Maritime Customs all matters pertaining to their business. After approval, they may load or unload goods. In ports where no customs office has been set up, merchant ships are to report to the organ of Public Security or to the local government by presenting the signed manifests for investigation and decision.
4. Merchant ships loading in these ports are to have the goods checked and provided with bills of lading or duplicate copies thereof. Goods in the hold or on deck are to be sealed. A sealed copy of the bill of lading is to be delivered to the ship's captain to be presented at the return port. Upon

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arrival in the port of discharge, if the goods are under seal and the seals have not been tampered with, the ship may be released by the Maritime Customs. If on the other hand the seals are broken, the statement of accounts, bills of lading, copies, etc., which are delivered to the Maritime Customs must be checked against the goods and approved.

5. The above is by order of the Maritime Customs Administration of the Central People's Government.

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